[29th November 1928

Percentage of crimes detected in South Kanara.

* 877 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a great decline in the percentage of crimes detected in South Kanara and, if so, why; and

(b) what action the Government have taken or propose to take to make detective work more efficient in this district?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have called for a report.

Alleged shooting by Mr. A. F. Bulkley, Superintendent, Railway Police, Trichinopoly.

* 878 Q.—Mr. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state with reference to his answer to my question No. 552 answered on 12th October 1928—

(a) whether any action has been taken against the reserve policeman who caused injuries;

(b) whether any statement was made by the said policeman who opened the fire and if so, what its details are;

(c) whether any statement was taken from or made by the injured person and, if so, what its details are;

(d) what were the nature of the injuries described in the medical certificate and the opinion of the medical officer touching the nature of the firearms with which the injuries might have been caused;

(e) how the policeman who caused the injuries happened to possess the firearms;

(f) what was the nature of the firearms used by the policeman, gun, revolver or what;

(g) whether it is a fact that the District-Superintendent of Police, South Arcot, sent a report to the Inspector-General of Police touching the shooting incident;

(h) whether any report touching the incident was made by Mr. A. F. Bulkley to the Inspector-General of Police or to Government and, if so, to place it on the table;

(i) how many reports were made by the District Magistrate of South Arcot touching the shooting incident and the dates thereof;

(j) whether Mr. Bulkley gave any version to the District Magistrate regarding this incident on or about the 21st July last and, if so, the details thereof; and

(k) whether the transfer of Mr. Bulkley to Malabar as Superintendent of Police has anything to do with the said shooting incident?

A. (a) & (k) The reply is in the negative.

(b) to (j) In connection with the disturbances at Villupuram in the course of which the firing took place, a case is now pending before the courts in which the whole incident and its attendant circumstances are relevant matters. The whole matter being thus *sub-judice*, the Government are unable at present to go into it or to furnish the desired information.